

Assembly Bill No. 1140

CHAPTER 1089

An act to add Section 2717 to the Business and Professions Code, relating to nursing, and making an appropriation therefor.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1140, Thomson. Nursing: workforce planning.

Existing law, the Nursing Practice Act, provides for the licensure and regulation by the Board of Registered Nursing of the practice of registered nurses. Under existing law, all moneys received pursuant to the provisions of this act are deposited into the Board of Registered Nursing Fund, which is continuously appropriated.

This bill would require the board to obtain workforce data from its licensees for purposes of work force planning and produce reports on the issue at least biennially. The bill would authorize the board to expend the sum of \$145,000 from the Board of Registered Nursing Fund for this purpose. Because the bill would authorize the expenditure of revenues in a continuously appropriated fund for a new purpose, it would make an appropriation. The bill would require the board to implement these provisions before July 1, 2003.

Appropriation: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 2717 is added to the Business and Professions Code, to read:

2717. (a) The board shall collect and analyze workforce data from its licensees for future workforce planning. The board may collect the data at the time of license renewal or from a scientifically selected random sample of its licensees. The board shall produce reports on the workforce data it collects, at a minimum, on a biennial basis. The board shall maintain the confidentiality of the information it receives from licensees under this section and shall only release information in an aggregate form that cannot be used to identify an individual. The workforce data collected by the board shall include, at a minimum, employment information such as hours of work, number of positions held, time spent in direct patient care, clinical practice area, type of employer, and work location. The data shall also include future work



intentions, reasons for leaving or reentering nursing, job satisfaction ratings, and demographic data.

(b) Aggregate information collected pursuant to this section shall be placed on the board's Internet Web site.

(c) The board is authorized to expend the sum of one hundred forty-five thousand dollars (\$145,000) from the Board of Registered Nursing Fund in the Professions and Vocations Fund for the purpose of implementing this section.

(d) This section shall be implemented by the board on or before July 1, 2003.

